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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-22, 33, and 38-54 were presented for examination. In the Office Action, claims

17-20, 22 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant amends claims 17-20, 22 and 49 in this Response in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Upon

entry of this Response, claims 1-22, 33, and 38-54 are presented for consideration.

Rejection of Claims 17-20, 22 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 17-20, 22 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as

being unclear because of their dependency on cancelled claims. Applicant has amended claims 17-20, 22 and 49 to properly depend from allowed claims. Applicant submits that the

amendments add no new matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the

rejection of claims 17-20, 22 and 49 under § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and early indication thereof is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a

telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the

undersigned at (617) 248-5143.

Respectfully submitted,

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